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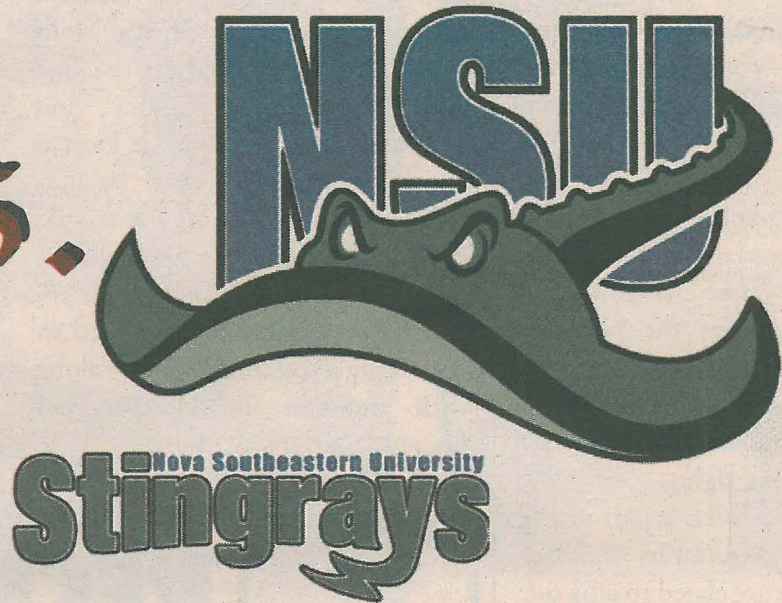
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By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

The NSU community is getting closer to choosing its new mascot now that the choice of possible mascots has been narrowed down by the School Spirit Task Force. The original four selections included the blue sharks, the stingrays, the sunrays, and the mysterious sundogs. Now it is up to the students to cast their votes and opinions for either the sharks or the stingrays.

Voting begins today and will continue until the end of the week. Eight locations have been established in order to allow students from every area of the campus to have the opportunity to express their thoughts

and ideas; the voting locations are set at the Goodwin Residence Hall, Rosenthal Dining Hall, Maltz Psychology Building, Shepard Broad Law School, Alvin Sherman Library, Parker Building, HPD Building, and the DeSantis Building. Separate focus groups with students are also scheduled in the future.

As mentioned in the article titled *NSU's New Face* in Volume 16, Issue 1, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Brad Williams said that voting would occur in an "aggregate sense" with many students participating. Terry Weech, the Director of Student Activities and Leadership

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Development, who is also part of the School Spirit Task Force, elaborated on the term when he said that students will be asked to make "qualitative responses" with their votes.

It will not be a simple decision between the two remaining mascots; the School Spirit Task Force is looking for opinions on specific details and "cosmetic changes," whether it is the color, shape or general appearance

of the mascot. Every opinion will count and it is possible, as Weech stated, that a rendition may change completely according to students' preferences.

Referring to the elimination

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NSU Continues to Support Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

As residents of Louisiana, Mississippi, and parts of Alabama try to reconstruct their lives, the NSU community is making every effort to provide assistance, NSU officials said.

Students and faculty members in the Health Professional Division are organizing plans to provide medical care to Katrina evacuees housed at a Red Cross shelter in Plantation, NSU officials said.

An interdisciplinary team of students and faculty members from the

Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Allied Health and Nursing, and the Center of Psychology Studies are expected to begin volunteering during the week of Sept. 19.

Additionally, NSU students and faculty members raised funds, and NSU has started accepting students displaced by the hurricane.

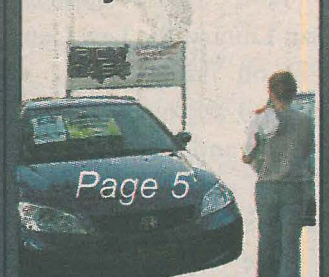
The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and the Shepard Broad Law Center both opened their doors to graduates, officials said. As of press time, five Hurricane Katrina students were enrolled at the Shepard Broad Law Center.

Earlier this month, the Office of Volunteerism and Community Service, in conjunction with ARAMARK Food Service, donated \$2.00 for every person who dined in at Rosenthal Dining Center and Health Professions Division Café. A total of \$2,217.74 was donated to The American Red Cross in Plantation.

As of press time, the death toll from Katrina was 558, according to published reports. It was reported that 182,000 residents and business owners were allowed to return to the city for the first time in two weeks.

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Say Goodbye to the Office Depot Center

The ODC dons its new name, the Bank Atlantic Center

By Danielle Garcia
Knight Writer

The Sunrise Sports and Entertainment complex is saying goodbye to the Office Depot Center, and hello to the Bank Atlantic Center.

On September 6, the Sunrise Sports and Entertainment complex announced the name change for the building, which was the National Car Rental Center when it opened in 1998. Bank Atlantic offered more than the \$1.4 million paid by Office Depot for naming rights.

"We have been a part of the South Florida community for over 50 years and we are elated to affix our name to such a prestigious facility," said President Jarett Levan in a Bank Atlantic press release.

The main focus is to promote Bank Atlantic's "7" mascot, which signifies that the bank is open seven days a week. That is also the reason the Panther's will start all their home weekday games at 7 p.m.

So why would the center undergo a new name change when Office Depot still has seven years left on their contract? Bank Atlantic is claiming it was a timing issue. Office Depot is revising their contract so they will still receive arena signage, as well as print and promotional benefits.

NSU Signs on to Constitution Day

By Alisha DanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

On September 16, members of the NSU community were able to add their names to the U.S. Constitution in celebration of Constitution Day.

Tables were set up in the Alvin Sherman Library, the Law Center, and at HPD on Friday, where students were able to ask questions about the constitution and sign their names next to the likes of Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.

"We had a pretty good turnout," said Katie Blanco, Director of Special Engagement. "People had fun using the quill pens."

In December of last year, September 17 was officially slated for observance of the signing of the Constitution. According to Andrea Neil in a report in the Indianapolis Star, all schools which receive federal funding must observe Constitution Day in some way, or risk looking that financial support.

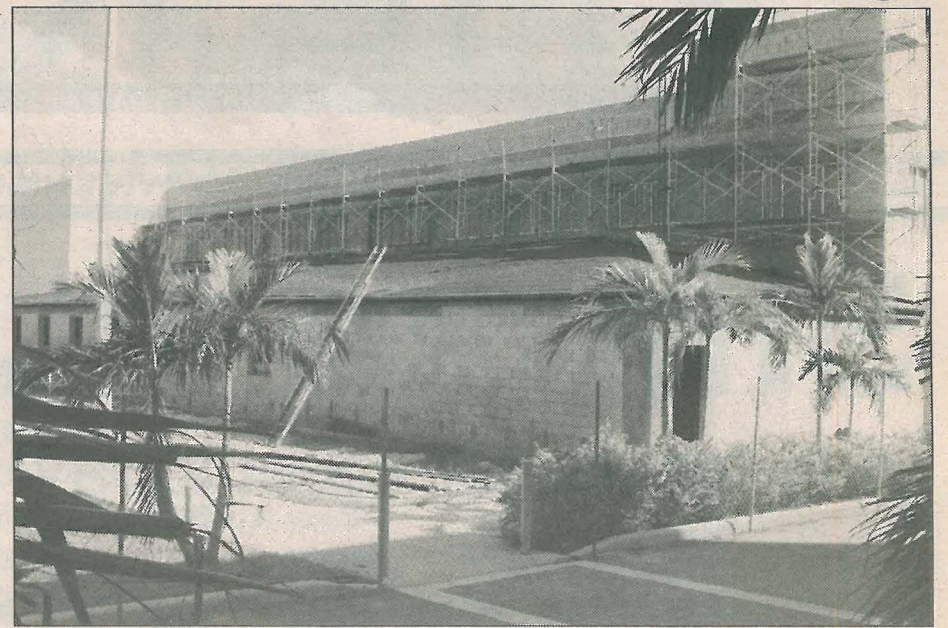
Shepard Broad Law Center Expanding

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

Construction on a 10,000 square foot addition to NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center is underway. According to NSU's eBulletin, the target date of completion for the addition is late November or early December of 2005.

The web page states that a restructuring of the center's resources will occur, with the Critical Skills Program to be housed on the first floor, International, Online, and Graduate Programs will be located on the second floor, and 14 new offices will be added to the second floor of the building. In addition, two classrooms will be remodeled, and microphones will be added in the "Large Lecture Room" along with audio/visual and computer upgrades in the classrooms.

Students of the law



Shepard Broad Law Center. Photo by Greg Kyriakakis

center have not attributed much inconvenience to the construction. Second year law student Jason Friedman said that "sometimes during class [construction crews] are making noise," but added that the completion of the construction "will be worth it

in the end." Construction also forced the closing of a faculty parking lot near the building.

The project is being handled by JWR Construction Services, Inc. and Gallo Architects.

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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Extinct Animal to be Cloned

The Guardian Unlimited is reporting that scientists are planning to create a Tasmanian tiger, 69 years after the death of the last tiger in an Australian zoo. The Australian Museum originally proposed the project in 1999, but scrapped plans this year after discovering the DNA sample was in poor shape. Recently, new DNA from bones in Australian museums show promise and hopes that the project can be restarted. Professor Mike Archer, dean of the University of New South Wales said that researchers have "undoubtedly got the whole of the genome in the recovered DNA, although there's thousands more genes than we've been able to recover so far." Recreation of the creature faces many hurdles, such as reproducing multiple DNA strands.

Cassini Finds Saturn Ring Changes

Saturn's rings have "dramatically" changed, according to the Associated Press. The most surprising change is that the planet's innermost D ring has grown dimmer since last viewed by Voyager in 1981. The planet's A, B, and C rings are made of ice particles, which were found to be spinner at a slower rate than originally thought. Linda Spilker, deputy project scientist for the Cassini spacecraft which made these discovers, explained that "I don't think Saturn's rings will disappear anytime soon, but this tells us how the rings are evolving and how long they might last."

Kevin Smith Auction for Katrina Relief

Popular filmmaker Kevin Smith, responsible for such films as "Clerks" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" is auctioning a number of unique prizes on his View Askew Web site. The auction page states that "we've come up with what we think you'll feel are five pretty cool prizes to bid on, with every penny earned going straight to the Red Cross. And whatever we earn, Kev [Smith] will match himself" Among the prizes are a barbeque at Smith's house, currently going for \$6,500, and a walk-on (non-speaking) role in his newest film, "Clerks 2," which is going for \$5,001. These auctions, that started at \$500 each, end on September 16.

MASCOT

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New Mascot to be unveiled at Homecoming

of two mascots, Weech said "the committee decided the sundogs and sunrays were not unique enough to the university and thought sharks and the stingrays would be better choices for athletics and school spirit, and depict more closely what the university is all about."

One minor change to the sharks was already made by the Task Force, the color blue was dropped from the name. The Task Force removed the color blue because they felt it would eventually be ignored

and the mascot, if chosen, would be simply known as the sharks.

Once the students have voted, the Task Force will send a recommendation to NSU President Ray Ferrero and he will make the final decision based on the opinions of the NSU community. The mascot will be officially announced on October 22 during Homecoming with the hope of creating a sense of school spirit and identity.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Senate Hearings on Roberts Begin

The Guardian reported that the Senate started their hearings on September 12 concerning the nomination of John Roberts for the open position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. This position became open after the sudden death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist on September 3. The Senate appears to have no "serious obstacle to Roberts' confirmation." President Bush originally nominated Roberts to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor after her retirement, but Rehnquist's unexpected death led to Bush's renomination. Democrats in the Senate Judiciary Committee planned to make Roberts' questioning tough in order to determine his commitment to "fairness, decency, and equality of opportunity."

For more information visit www.guardian.co.uk.

Europe

Scientists Peer into the Universe

On September 12, as reported by Reuters, a group of Italian scientists announced that they witnessed the farthest and brightest gamma-ray explosion ever observed and recorded. The origins of gamma-ray bursts, the "most powerful and brilliant explosions known to man," are unknown, but they are thought to be akin to the Big Bang that astronomers believe created the universe. The burst was observed on September 4 by the Swift satellite and was more than 12.5 billion light years away. Guido Chincarini, the leader of the team, told Reuters that within a few minutes the burst "released 300 times more energy than the sun will release in its entire life." Information gathered will help scientists understand the universe when it was young.

For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.

Asia

Typhoon Slams Chinese Coast

Typhoon Khanun hit the east coast of China last week on September 11, destroying over "7,000 homes, killing 14 people and forcing the evacuation of nearly one million people." Sam Knight of Times Online also reported that the most badly damaged city was the coastal city of Taizhou: lying 155 miles south of Shanghai, Taizhou is vulnerable to landslides and flash flooding. According to Times Online and the Xinhua News Agency, 14 residents of the Zhejiang are confirmed dead and eight are missing as of press time. The death toll is expected to rise.

For more information visit www.timesonline.co.uk.

Middle East

Israel pulls out of Gaza Strip

Last week, as reported by Nidal al-Mughrabi of Reuters, Israeli armed forces pulled out of the Gaza Strip after 38 years of occupation. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told reporters in Gaza City that it was "a day of happiness and joy that the Palestinian people have not witnessed for a century." As soon as Israeli forces evacuated, Palestinians rushed the city and waved victory flags. Some immediately attacked symbols of occupation and set fire to places of worship. In the "chaotic movement" of Palestinians across the Egypt-Gaza border, a Palestinian man was shot and killed. Witnesses say he was killed by Egyptian border police but Egyptian officials deny the claim.

For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.

North America

Crash Survivors Sue Boeing

According to Reuters, an American family of six that survived a plane crash in Peru on August 23 is planning on suing the giant aircraft manufacturer, Boeing. The family's attorney, Martin Von Ribbeck of the Nolan Law Group told Reuters that the family is suing for "unspecified damages" and a "design fault" in the 737 airliner that crashed, killing 40 people. The cause of the accident was not determined as of press time, but Von Ribbeck said the reason many people perished was due to flaws in seat design and emergency doors that did not allow escape from the wreck.

For more information visit www.gulf-news.com.

Caribbean

Chavez Tries to Gain Support With Oil

Nine Caribbean countries signed an oil agreement with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez last week, reported the Associated Press. Although the Caribbean countries that cooperated gained some relief in face of rising oil prices, analysts say that Chavez is looking to increase his and Castro's influence in the region. At the signing ceremony in Jamaica, Chavez encouraged the country's leaders to "consider Cuba-style socialism as an alternative to capitalism."

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Left: Amanda Farquharson, the winner of a Rick case car for a year, poses with Katie Blanco and Dean Brad Williams. **Right:** Students brought their passport books here to receive raffle tickets in order to win one of the three cars. Many left empty-handed. Photo by Nicolle Garber

Students Explore NSU for the Chance to Win Big

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

On the patio of the Athletics and Student Affairs building, everyone's attention was fixated on the three brand new cars with the words "Rick Case" elegantly spelled on the sides of their shiny, enameled bodies. No doubt, everyone was hoping to take home either the Hyundai Tiburon, the Acura RSX, or the Honda Civic.

These three automobiles were the stars of the NSU Exploration week event. Students competed to win a showcased vehicle for of one year by getting booklets stamped by specific areas on campus; departments included, Career Services, Nova Alert, and Resident Life. The 18 open slots needed to be stamped in order to increase the odds of winning.

The event, initially scheduled for August 26, was postponed until September 9 due to the delay from Hurricane Katrina. Regardless, dozens flocked to the party in hopes on winning a free car for an entire year and to take advantage of the free food and prizes provided by Buca De Peppo, Chicken Kitchen and NSU.

Unbeknownst to the crowd, there were more surprises in store, including a five disc DVD/CD player, an I-Pod Mini, Dolphins tickets, and coupons for a manicures and pedicures. The manicures were won by a young male who smiled sheepishly as Director of Student Engagements Katie Blanco handed him his prize.

Music blared from Radio X speakers, while booths presenting NSU organizations handed out free

goodies.

It was not until Katie Blanco and the Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development Terry Weech began to announce that the raffle for the cars would soon begin that the rambunctious crowd calmed down, anxiously hoping that their names would be chosen.

Rick Case, owner to a number of dealerships in South Florida and across the country, spoke to the crowd before the winner was announced. When Rick Case stood silent, his wife, with a large smile, rallied up the crowd; onlookers stood in silence as the ticket was drawn. "Amanda Farquharson!" Katie Blanco said excitedly. Nobody showed up to claim their prize. After five minutes and a mob protest to choose another ticket, the winner finally approached

the podium looking awestruck.

After the winner shook hands with Rick Case and his wife, she was escorted over to the three cars and was told to choose one. Unfortunately, the winner, Amanda, is underage and without a driver's license. According to Katie Blanco, she may be eligible to receive the car in December of 2005, yet the final outcome is still unresolved.

When asking Rick Case what compelled him to give away a free car for a year, he replied "Well, I belong to the Board of Trustees, and for students to become familiar with the campus, we needed a big prize; the biggest we could think of was money or a car, and from that we chose the car."

Tenth Annual Male Pageant Fundraiser Accumulates \$700 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Nick Rovisa crowned Mr. Nova Knight

By Valen Eberhard
Staff Writer

Cheerleaders, sorority sisters, friends, and fans all crowded around the Flight Deck's small wooden floor in hopes of catching a glimpse of the next Mr. Nova Knight on the eve of September 9. Delta Phi Epsilon's tenth annual male pageant took mediocre fund-raising to the next level. A total of seven fraternity guys were judged based on talent, formal wear, a question/answer segment, and audience appeal. Mr. Nova Knight was determined by the amount of money he brought in throughout the night in which all proceeds were donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This foundation tries to improve the quality of life for over 30,000 children and young adults

with this disease.

Guys and girls alike raved as the male court took center stage and opened the festivity with a group dance. This was only the beginning, as each guy retreated to the makeshift dressing room to prepare for their formal introduction and talent showing. Leading the group was Nick, who demonstrated his talent for swooning the opposite sex, in which he proceeded to treat each Delta Phi Epsilon member with a red rose. Only to find he was a rose short, one lucky lady found her rose replaced with a swift kiss on the cheek. Following the ladies' man was musical sensation, Kareem, who belted out a native Jamaican song. Before long the entire crowd found themselves yelling and clapping along with the beat, but the party was short lived when his time stage time had elapsed. Next on the floor, Peter demonstrated defense tactics and

karate moves that transformed into a series of smooth dance moves, but not to be outdone Sebastian glided onto the floor with a clan of cheerleaders at his side. After watching a smooth display of moves, Daniel entered stage right to steal the show. What started out as an individual show turned into a dancing dual between him and last year's Mr. Nova Knight, Fahad Islam. Once the crowd had settled, Aaron made his way to the stage and swooned the ladies with his rendition of Rascal Flatts, "Broken Road." His performance brought an end to the talent portion of the contest.

With only the question and answer segment left, the guys had the chance to regroup before their debut with the microphone. Each contestant was given a random question and had approximately three minutes to answer to the best of their ability. By the end of the

night, people had become anxious to learn of the new Mr. Nova. The field of seven had been narrowed down to three: Nick, Aaron, and Daniel. The three guys had one song to walk around the room, and collect as much money as they could for their chance to be crowned king. "I Walk a Lonely Road" ended, money was totaled, and tension mounted. The court as a whole had raised a total of seven hundred dollars; four hundred of which came from Nick Rovisa, the newly crowned Mr. Nova Knight. He was awarded a crown and cape and the title. When asked what his favorite part of the contest was Rovisa commented, "Just being in front of everyone and having my fellow Beta members and friends yelling for me was such a rush. I'm glad I got the chance to be a part of the contest."

Obscure Clubs Revealed Q&A: Martial Arts Club

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

1) When and how did the Martial Arts Club originate? Who started the club and what is its function?

- A group of Martial Arts enthusiasts realized there was a substantial lack of knowledge about Martial Arts, except where it concerns Kung-Fu movies. In an effort to raise Martial Arts awareness, we took it upon ourselves to form the Martial Art Club in Winter 2003.

- Fahd Sattar, the Martial Arts Club founder, took initiative organize the club.

2) How many members are currently involved? Who can join?

- Currently, we have approximately 12 active members in this organization. Anyone of any ethnicity, religion, full-time or part-time student... doesn't matter... may join.

3) Do have any events or special activities planned for this year?

- Yes! Sometime this semester (probably around mid October or November), we want to have an event where different sa-bum-nims (that means grand masters) in South Florida to come and participate in some demonstrations throughout the entire day. This will probably be held in front of the library, on the lawn.

- We have held Tae Kwon Do classes at the Rec Plex for almost two semesters. The semester of Fall 2004, we had to cancel the classes due lack of funds. This year, we are going to strive to do our best in promoting our organization.

4) What are some future goals for the club; is there anything the Martial Arts Club wishes to accomplish?

- Our goal for this year is to have full support from the governing student body as well as increased awareness around campus and establish ourselves as a non-ephemeral organization. Another goal is to increase our membership by the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Likewise, our goal is to have at least one major event per semester; either by collaborating with other organizations on campus or just on our own.

5) How would you describe the Martial Arts Club and its members? Are they really into martial arts or are they samurai-wannabes?

- Our club and members are pretty easy going. We have some members who have only recently shown interest in Martial Arts, while we have others who have practiced Martial Arts all their lives.

- Of course, we are into Martial Arts; otherwise, this organization would not exist!

6) What kind of martial arts do you focus on, for example, Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, Ju Jitsu; do you do all of them or just one specific one?

- Since we are called the Martial Arts Club, we do not really focus on one specific form of Martial Arts. For the time being, we are officially offering classes in Tae Kwon Do with belt ranking. However, we also want to incorporate other styles of Martial Arts so that members can have a diverse perspective.

7) Describe a regular club meeting.

- During our general meetings, the officers address semester dues, future projects, and ask what direction the members want to see the club take in the future.

8) When do you have meetings (date, times, place etc.)?

- The general meetings will be held bimonthly or monthly, usually on Tuesdays from 12pm to 1pm.

- The Tae Kwon Do classes will resume in October. We have not finalized what days the classes will be held.

Sororities Combat Their Image

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

Many female college students join sororities to become a part of something bigger than themselves, and in the meantime acquire lifelong friendships. However, some sorority members say that there are professors and coaches whom discourage or even forbid students from joining sororities because of the negative image people have about the organizations.

"I would never join a sorority; I've heard horror stories about them," said Jenece Wallace, a student at Nova Southeastern University. When sororities are in the news, it is often coverage of an accident involving drugs, underage drinking, and partying. As an example of such report, researchers at Cornell University and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale found that, "Leaders of fraternities, and to a lesser extent leaders of sororities, tend to be among the heaviest drinkers and the most out-of-control partiers."

"It's really hard and upsetting to combat the image that people have," said Amanda Meier, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. "...we are a group of girls with mutual interests, the same goals... and we develop life long friendships." For many girls

like Meier, joining a sorority means more than just partying all the time. One thing that one may not know about sororities is that they are involved in volunteer works, including raising money for organizations that do breast cancer research, facilities that help girls with eating disorders, etc.

Raquel Campbell, who is a member of Zeta Phi Beta, a new sorority for black students at NSU, offers, "sororities help make you a better person in terms of giving you values."

Joining a sorority can cost anywhere from \$200 to \$500, and many students who want to join cannot afford to pay those costs. However, Campbell says, "they help you pay for it by having fundraisers." Sororities can also assist their members with financial aid, including scholarships for their members, and fundraisers to assist the recruits.

Despite what many may believe, Meier says "college comes first and foremost... we don't party a lot; half of us are not even 21." Meier also notes that sororities "help girls get involve in leadership positions and help one other to grow" through events organized through out the year both on and off campus, such as: dinners, movie nights, BBQs and going to the beach. For more information on NSU sororities go to: www.sald.nova.edu.

Let's Talk About Sex, Baby...



Caroline Cullen
Staff Writer

Perfect Private Parts

It seems today that social acceptance is only a scalpel away, but aren't there limits? A decade ago one would hear rumors of wealthy neighbors or famous celebrities getting nose jobs, facelifts, liposuction, tummy tucks and breast implants; now, young women get a pair of boobs for their high school graduation and cosmetic surgery appointments are more common than dental visits.

There are countless commercials, talk shows and "extreme" makeover shows to promote getting sliced and diced to fit our cultures "perfect" mold. These knife wielding doctors are at least generous enough to let the modest folk set up payment plans and swipe credit cards.

Yet, everyday these choices expand, and some of today's procedures may shock you. Think outside of the breasts! Lower...lower, yes; I am talking about your precious privates. Ouch... no way! As you each cup your family jewels and cringe at the thought of some dude coming at you with a carving knife, read on...

If you thought a Prince Albert or a clitoral piercing sounds painful try this; how many of you male readers out there wish that your willy was a bit bigger?

Ever think about a penis enlargement procedure? Let me enlighten you, according to Talk Surgery, Inc. it is estimated that 250,000 men worldwide have undergone phalloplasty; half of those have been in the US. Traditional penile-enhancement surgery involves one or both of two basic procedures. The first, to increase length, involves making an incision at the base of the penis and snipping the ligament that anchors it to the pubic bone. This causes the portion of the penis that is normally inside the body to fall forward, giving the illusion of more length -- usually about an inch, but up to

two and a half inches.

The second procedure, penis widening, adds girth to the penis. This requires the insertion of a filler material under the skin of the penis and can supposedly increase girth by up to 30 percent.

The cost? Any where from \$4,000-\$8,000 dollars; keeping knives away from your penis...priceless.

Your turn ladies; even I was shocked at the procedures offered for females...

The Laser Vaginal Rejuvenation Institute of Michigan (doesn't it sound refreshing?) offers a procedure that aesthetic surgical enhancement of the vulvar structures, labia minora labia majora, mons pubis, perineum, introitus, and hymen, and these creative experts promise to aesthetically design procedures in line with the specifications and desires of the patient. What desires are those?

You got to be kidding me! First we have to shave, wax, trim and pluck, now we are suppose to create the perfect vagina!

The one vaginal procedure that I find quite interesting is the hymenoplasty; (reconstruction of the hymen) it can repair the hymen as if nothing ever occurred. There is, of course, the sensitive issue of culture and/or religion to consider, but I can not for the life of me imagine any unnecessary mutilation of any of my body parts, especially in the southern region!

First and foremost, live and let live! I, for one, encourage readers make well thought out decisions before going to such expensive, painful and risky procedures. And most importantly, to accept yourselves the way you are; there is no such thing as "perfect," and the person that you want in your life will accept every part of you the way you are.

Please send questions or comments to www.nsunews@nova.edu.

Got a Question for Student Counseling Fire Away. ? ?

Q: I just moved on campus a couple weeks ago and I don't feel like I fit in with the other people I'm meeting here. I've tried to go out to some of the local places around campus, but feel out of sorts, and I don't seem to fit in. How can I make friends at this school?

A: When you start reading a new novel, how long does it take before you're hooked? It often takes me 50 or 75 pages. But once you get connected with the characters and you start caring what happens to them, it is difficult to put the novel down, right? It pulls you along. Then what happens? You finish it and pick up a new novel. And, with the earlier story and characters still swimming around in your head, you once again face tough slogging. You don't know enough about these new characters you're meeting for the first time for them to matter much to you. Only after you've read enough about them do you begin to feel pulled to keep reading. So you read on for awhile without enthusiasm, trusting that at some point you'll get swept up.

When you uproot yourself and move to a new place, it's rather like opening a new novel. No matter how interesting these new people and activities are, they probably won't, for awhile, measure up to the friends and activities you had back home. Only after you've had some shared laughs and/or challenges with people will you start looking forward to seeing them. So until then, you can always employ your novel-reading strategy—keep plowing along until you discover that someone or some activity has started mattering to you.

Since you feel out of sorts anyway, you might want to experiment with trying activities you never would have considered doing back home—whether because they seemed too hard or too different or too scary. Sure, why not check stuff out that you're familiar with and good at? But the great thing about coming to a new campus is that you can experiment with reinventing yourself, discovering talents you didn't know were there.

To get started, you might want to check out NSU's Student Affairs website: <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/studentaffairs/index.html>. They offer lots of great information on student activities, recreation and wellness, and the student union.

Have a question you'd like answered in this space? Fire away: Call us (954-262-7050), send us an email (studentcounseling@nsu.nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker).

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Inside the World of Spirituality

A Glimpse of Hope

By April Eldemire

GA for Multiculturalism & Spirituality

Flipping through channels the other day, I made the irreparable mistake of tuning into MTV's, *My Super Sweet Sixteen*. Beyond my better judgment to change the channel immediately, I found myself glued to the screen. I was not captivated by the show for reasons you may be thinking. I felt immediately that I was watching *The Brady Bunch* gone haywire. I was utterly disturbed to see a father being subjected to profane scrutiny by his young teenage daughter for reasons that were not justified in the least, as is any scrutiny by a child to a parent. The father, feeling the pain and anguish coming from his daughter's face because she wasn't getting her way, proceeded to quiet her by flashing a handful of bills in her face. His "remorse" was taken in with "forgiveness," and the two both were successful; the daughter in getting her way, and the father in buying his child's love and affection through money. I guess Earth, Wind, and Fire were right on many respects when they sang their hit song, "Money, money, money, money."

There are no words to describe the shock and embarrassment I felt in watching the show, and knowing that the majority of youth in America and all over the world were being subjected to this display of superficiality. Where was the genuine respect among these two family members? What kind of role model was this father displaying unto his child? Where were their morals and values?

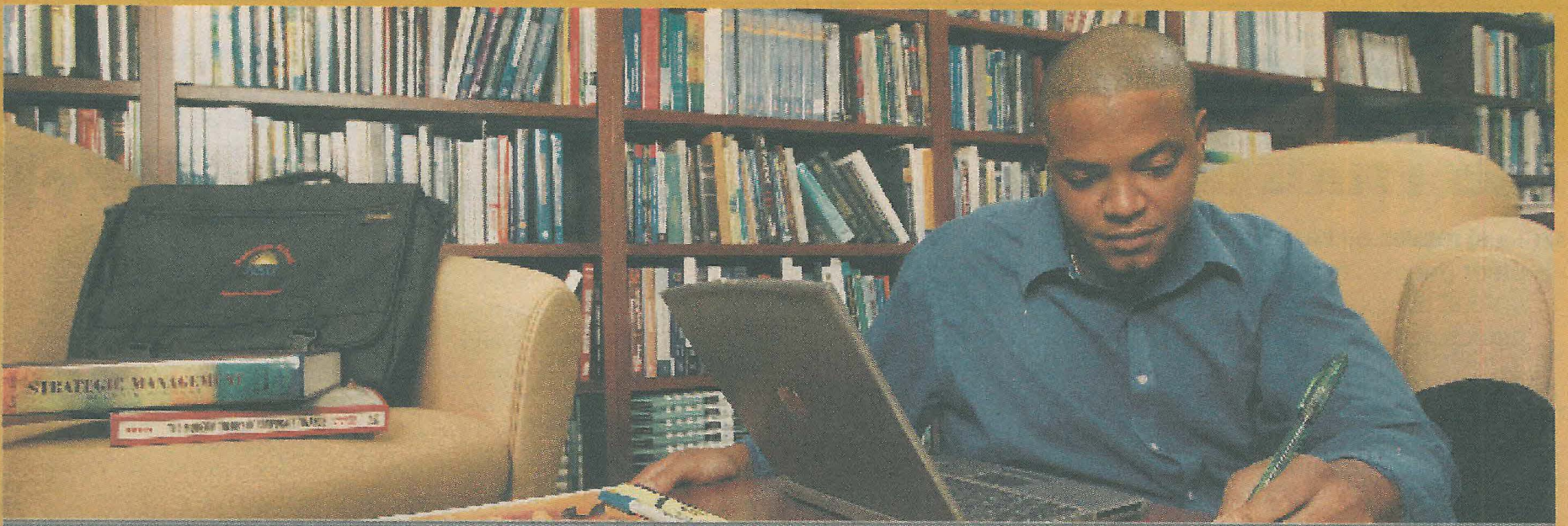
Following the show's ending, I sat contemplating the last half hour I wasted by watching the show, the saddened reality hit me; young people today are becoming products of money, and not products of humanity.

Then the disaster of Hurricane Katrina happened. More sadness filled my thought; the days following the storm, and just when I had given up on humanity altogether, I started receiving emails, fundraisers and phone calls from our very own NSU students rallying for support and help for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The unification of students here at NSU has been an amazing revelation for me. I realized that reality TV isn't a reflection of reality. The compassion and caring I believed to be nonexistent had changed, and a glimpse of hope emerged. So maybe morals, values and ethics are not completely gone from our lives, but perhaps they have been lost for awhile, hoping to be found again.

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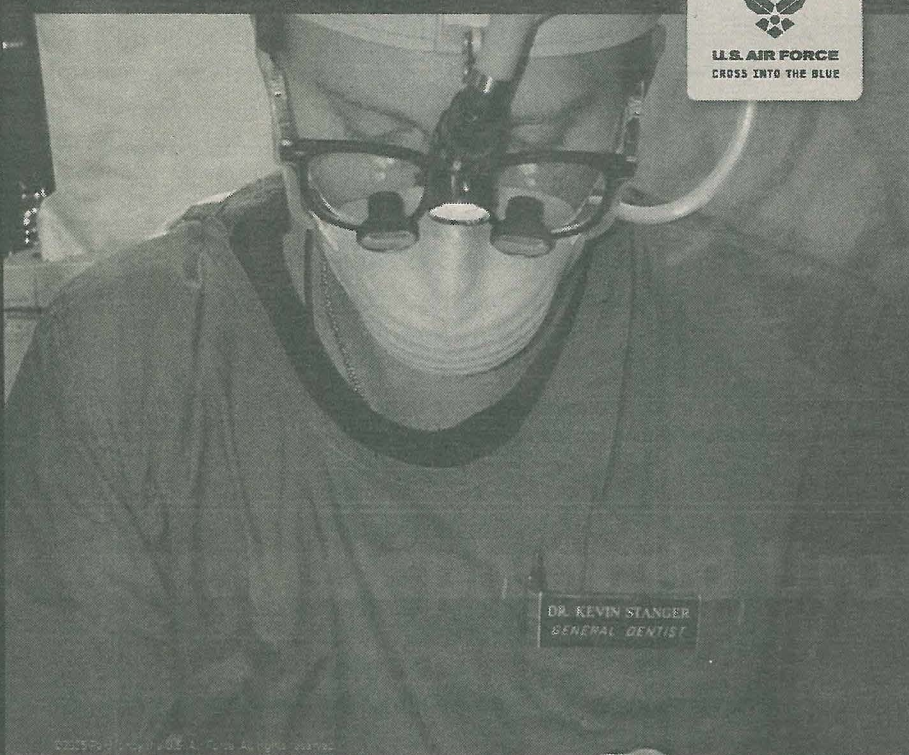
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The Transporter Returns

By Greg Kyriakakis and Paul Saneaux
Staff Writers

Greg's Rating: \$3.50



Paul's Rating: \$4.00



Transporter 2, sequel to 2002's *The Transporter*, finds Frank Martin (Jason Statham) back in the driver's seat- and this time he's settling down in Miami as the personal chauffeur for a powerful "drug czar's" child. When the boy is kidnapped, Martin is compelled to keep his promise to protect him, and the plot reveals an international conspiracy in the process.

Greg: Although the plot of *Transporter 2* is thin and simplistic, the Martin character is charismatic and interesting enough to hold the viewer's interest. He may be a mercenary involved with the illicit dealings of criminals, but Martin still maintains a set of morals. This is exemplified his dedication to protect, and ultimately recover Jack, the child of the "drug czar" (his true title is never mentioned in the film) Jefferson Billings (Matthew Modine). Martin becomes attached to the family, and despite Audrey Billings' (Amber Valletta) attempted seduction, he does

what is right and steers her back to her family. This man even takes a moment to ask about the health of an innocent bystander involved in a car wreck he instigated. Classy.

Paul: The main reason many theater patrons were attracted to the *Transporter 2* is Statham's returning character, Frank. Although he can kill very easily, he is as easily admired and loved. The mixture of Frank's amazing physical skills and down-to-earth mentality makes for an interesting character that I would not mind seeing again and again. It is his personality alone that made a sequel plausible. As for the other characters, with the exception of Audrey, they were basically the expected action film "cookie cutter" stereotypes. Gianni (Gassman) is the typical villain-turned-terrorist and his henchmen are not much more distinguishable. Lola (Nauta) is nothing more than a homicidal, walking beanstalk rippling with muscles. But this can also be seen as a positive attribute for the film because it keeps the attention on Frank. Plus, the other characters provide Frank with plenty of fleshy punching bags for the audiences' enjoyment.

Greg: Frantic and unrelenting action flows throughout the majority of the film, which is purposely over the top.



Even a fire hose becomes a deadly weapon in the hands of Frank Martin (Jason Statham). Photo courtesy EUROPACORP - TF1 FILM PRODUCTIONS.



Assassin Lola (KATE NAUTA) surveys the fiery aftermath of her killing spree. Photo courtesy EUROPACORP - TF1 FILM PRODUCTIONS.

At one point during the film Martin is trying to disarm a bomb planted on the undercarriage of his Audi while it is corkscrewing through the air. Amazingly, he still manages to skillfully pluck off the bomb with a crane hook. This film is full of action hyperbole, from the car chases to the battle scenes. Martin's piloting of vehicles, whether it is an Audi A8 or a jacked jet ski, is very entertaining, yet totally unconvincing.

Paul: Of course actions films are expected to have ridiculous action sequences. Who hasn't seen a Steven Seagal movie? And yes, I agree that jumping off of a parking garage's top floor in an Audi and landing on a middle floor of an adjacent building is preposterous, but it is also ridiculously cool. The nonsensical action lies mostly in the vehicular scenes. The scenes involving hand-to-hand combat were extremely well executed and had me uttering "Ouch" more than once. Frank's brawl with the henchmen while using a fire hose as an improvised weapon is notably

spectacular.

Greg: A shortcoming that plagues *Transporter 2* is its terrible computer graphics (CG) effects. Most of the driving and fighting sequences are skillfully choreographed, with Statham taking command of his fights. The final battle aboard a plane features some of the worst CG put to film, as well as a cornucopia of highly questionable physics. This film requires the audience to suspend their disbelief, but once that is accomplished, this film is a lot of fun.

Paul: The vehicle stunt scenes that did not involve impossible physics and therefore questionable CG were tolerable. I was impressed by the fact that Statham did most of his own stunts and stunt driving. They did not let Statham's physical abilities go to waste. *Transporter 2* falls somewhat into the category of clichéd action films but it is not mindless entertainment. The plot gets deeper and the characters are intriguing enough. It will leave the audience with cravings for more.

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Jason Statham, Alessandro Gassman, Amber Valletta, Kate Nauta
Director: Louis Leterrier
Writer: Luc Besson, Robert Mark Kamen

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Unplugged Brought Back From Early Retirement

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

In what history books are Milli Vanilli and Ashley Simpson on the same page? In the books that capture the horrible embarrassment of being caught lip synching.

In this day and age, it seems that more and more musicians and turning into entertainers and sacrificing live music for dancing, fireworks and a plethora of other circus like attractions.

Having said that, it is extremely refreshing to know that MTV has revived their hit show *Unplugged* for at least one more time. *Unplugged* debuted in 1989 as the revolutionary show which, according to MTV, made it's mark with no backing tracks, no special effects, no electric guitars and no keyboards. The show has boasted such names as Nirvana, Eric Clapton, Mariah Carey, Jay-Z, and Lauren Hill. After a short revival in 2002, MTV unplugged *Unplugged* with no plans for bringing

it out of retirement.

In an interview with MTV, Alicia Keys tells how she asked the executives to bring back the show so that she would have a chance to fulfill her dream. "It's really my style. It's really what I'm all about," said Keys. "Unplugged is my thing." And that it is. Alicia Keys performed beautifully in this edition of the show, which aired on MTV's online broadband channel on Thursday, September 15. Keys performed a string of



Keys belts a slew of her hits in front of a small crowd. Photo from MTV.com

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This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Movie Openings

September 23

Flight Plan

Starring: Jodie Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, Erika Christensen

Director: Robert Schwentke

Genre: Drama, Thriller

MPAA Rating: PG-13

Flying at 40,000 feet in a cavernous, state-of-the-art 474 aircraft, Kyle Pratt (Foster) faces every mother's worst nightmare when her six year-old daughter, Julia, vanishes without a trace mid-flight from Berlin to New York. Already emotionally devastated by the unexpected death of her husband, Kyle desperately struggles to prove her sanity to the disbelieving flight crew and passengers while facing the very real possibility that she may be losing her mind.

Roll Bounce

Starring: Bow Wow, Chi McBride, Mike Epps, Nick Cannon

Director: Malcolm D. Lee

Genre: Comedy

MPAA Rating: PG-13

In the late '70s, when roller skating was a way of life, X (Bow Wow) and his pals ruled supreme. But when the doors of their local skating rink close, it marks the end of an era and the beginning of another that sees the boys venture into foreign territory — uptown's Sweetwater Roller Rink, complete with its over-the-top skaters and beautiful girls. Through his preparation for the showdown of the season, X manages to find himself and also help his dad (Chi McBride) get back on track.

Album Releases

September 20

2Pac: *Poetry and Music, Vol. 2*

Stellastarr: *Harmonies for the Haunted*

Master P: *Greatest Hits Remix*

Book Releases

September 20

Goodnight Nobody by Jennifer Weiner

For Kate Klein, a semi-accidental mother of three, suburbia's been full of unpleasant surprises. When a fellow mother is murdered, Kate finds that the unsolved mystery is one of the most interesting things to happen in Upchurch since her neighbors broke ground for a guesthouse and cracked their septic tank.

So Kate launches an unofficial investigation with the help of her hilarious best friend, carpet heiress Janie Segal, and Evan McKenna, a former flame she thought she'd left behind in New York City.

Anansi Boys: A Novel by Neil Gaiman

"Fat Charlie" Nancy leads a life of comfortable workaholicism in London, with a stressful agenting job he doesn't much like, and a pleasant fiancée, Rosie. When Charlie learns of the death of his estranged father in Florida, he attends the funeral and learns two facts that turn his well-ordered existence upside-down: that his father was a human form of Anansi, the African trickster god, and that he has a brother, Spider, who has inherited some of their father's godlike abilities. Spider comes to visit Charlie and gets him fired from his job, steals his fiancée, and is instrumental in having him arrested for embezzlement and suspected of murder. When Charlie resorts to magic to get rid of Spider, who's selfish and unthinking rather than evil, things begin to go very badly for just about everyone.

DVD Releases

Available September 20

"Desperate Housewives" — The Complete First Season

Scary Movie 3 — Unrated Collector's Edition

The Outsiders — Collector's Edition

The Longest Yard

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Compiled by Marines Alvarez

Hurricane Katrina Brings Out the Big Stars

Telethons and Benefits Raise Millions of Dollars for Gulf Coast Victims

By Marines Alvarez

A&E Editor

The disaster that hit the Gulf Coast has incited many different reactions from people all over the world. In the case of movie and music stars, many have come to the front lines to do what they can for the survivors of this tragedy.

NBC was the first to air a telethon, and it made plenty of waves because of Kanye West's unscripted comments. West deviated from the script to make points concerning the media portrayal of the hurricane victims and he ended his outburst by saying, "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

The remark came under attack by many, but Kanye stuck by his comments, saying during an MTV \$2 Bill concert, that he, "wasn't trying to particularly dis anybody," but that he just feels "like America's always been pushing the [impoverished] under the counter, trying to act like it's not really there."

Following the impromptu performance on NBC, six major networks aired the "Shelter from the Storm" telethon, which boasted such names as Sheryl Crow, Dixie Chicks, Alicia Keys and Rod Stewart, and attracted more than 18 million viewers. Most artists remained low-key, letting their music speak for them and disguising any political comments.

Even comedian Chris Rock, who joked about George Bush hating midgets, subtly commented on the some of the victims' inability to escape the storm. "We've all heard the question: Why didn't those people just leave when they had the chance," Rock said. "Not everyone can jump

in their SUVs and go check into a nice hotel."

Mostly, though, the atmosphere was somber as clips played, showing those most effected by Katrina, and as the stars showed their emotions. Comedian Ellen DeGeneres' eyes filled with tears as she spoke of her hometown, and later in the show, actress Jennifer Aniston's voice cracked as she relayed the dire situation of children separated from their families.

Four hours of musical outreach aired the next night on MTV and all its related cable channels. BET's telethon "Saving Our Selves" reportedly raised over \$10 million dollars, including a \$1,000,000 check from Jay-Z and P. Diddy. "This is our community," Jay-Z was quoted as saying, "When I turn on CNN, I see a lot of black people on the streets. I know it's other people too, but those projects have been hit hard."

Other benefits will try and follow the successful suit of these Katrina telethons. Jazz at Lincoln Center will host a benefit concert September 17 in New York City and will include performances by Elvis Costello, Paul Simon and Bette Midler. A handful of professional basketball players, including Carmelo Anthony, Ray Allen, and Mike Bibby, will play Wheel of Fortune and donate their winnings to the victims of Katrina.

No matter what the outlet, most stars can agree that the most important thing is to help in whatever way possible. "This is a natural disaster," country singer Trent Williams expressed on MTV's "ReAct Now" benefit, "It's nobody's fault. Let's quit blaming people and start doing something about it."

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Alicia Keyes performed a string of her hits during an online broadband edition of MTV's Unplugged

her hit songs, including "A Woman's Worth," "Karma" and "If I Ain't Got You". Each had a trace of something different, whether it was a different arrangement or some adlibbed lyrics. Keys also collaborated with Adam Levine (Maroon 5) on the song "Wild Horses," and with Damian Marley on the song "Welcome to Jamrock." In addition, Keys debuted the song, "Unbreakable," which she said could be an *Unplugged* exclusive.

For the most part, the show

was mellow and well executed. It isn't the normal raging speakers kind of concert many people are used to, but there was something pure and special about the live instruments strumming away in unison with Key's smooth voice and exceptional piano playing.

All the songs performed on the show, which will debut on MTV on Friday September 23, can also be heard on the *Unplugged* album, which will be available on October 3.

Men's Soccer Team Dominates 3-0 Against the University of Alabama

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

The NSU men's soccer team has been showing outstanding stamina as they manage to bring their 'A' game every time they step onto the field. The Knights took care of business on their home field as they shut out the University of Alabama this past Friday night 4-0, bumping their overall season record up to 3-0.

Sophomore #23, Jarod Rennick, got the game going by shooting from the 18yard box and into the bottom left corner of the net to score the first goal of the game. Rennick consistently stayed on the ball throughout the game. Later in the first half, senior #10 Mathew Perry, assisted senior #9 Adam Ludden, in another key goal which helped to really set the tone of the game.

Junior #3, Joseph Clancy,



Soccer team members try to get the ball away from The University of Alabama. Photo by Tranell Mesa

started things up in the second half as he contributed by putting a goal on the board, with Ludden coming back to score yet again, setting the final score at 4-0, NSU.

"I think the reason for their success so far has a lot to do

with their chemistry on and off of the field," states freshman Stefanie Dimichele.

The Knight's went to Columbus, Georgia on Saturday 9-10, where they took on Lincoln Memorial University and received their first loss of the season, 1-0.

Florida Gets a New Basketball Team With a Big Bite

By Danielle Garcia
Knightwriter

The Miami Heat needs to watch out, because there is a new top dog in town. South Florida is adding a new basketball team to its list of professional sports teams and is now the home of the Florida Pit Bulls. The Pit Bulls are an expansion team, a part of the American Basketball Association, and these dogs are not going to be banned from South Florida for attacking their opponents.

The American Basketball Association (ABA s reformed and is creating teams all across the nation, like the San Antonio Stallions, the Buffalo Rapids, and the Florida Pit Bulls.

The ABA originated in 1967, but after nine years merged with the National Basketball Association (NBA). In the past two years, the ABA has grown into the largest professional sports league, adding around 30 expansion teams this past year to bringing the total to 60.

The 2005-2006 season is slated to kick off in November. The Florida Pit Bulls already have a variety of promotional offers up on their website at www.floridapitbulls.com. The owners are promising an amazing year, especially since Miami Heat alumni Tim Hardaway is not only an Owner, but the President, the Head Coach, and is even talking about coming out of retirement, to play for the Pit Bulls. If that does not reel you in, the Pit Bulls' franchise will feature some of the hottest Hip Hop, R & B, and Latin recording artists around in concert after every home game, as part of ABA's entertainment policy.

The Florida Pit Bulls are hoping to make a home playing at the Bank Atlantic Center, formerly known as the Office Depot Center. The Heat and Shaq now have tough competition here in Florida as the Pit Bulls get ready to show what's going on in their dog house.

Women's Soccer Team Try to Hold Barry Down, But Go Down 4-2

By Valen Eberhand
Staff Writer

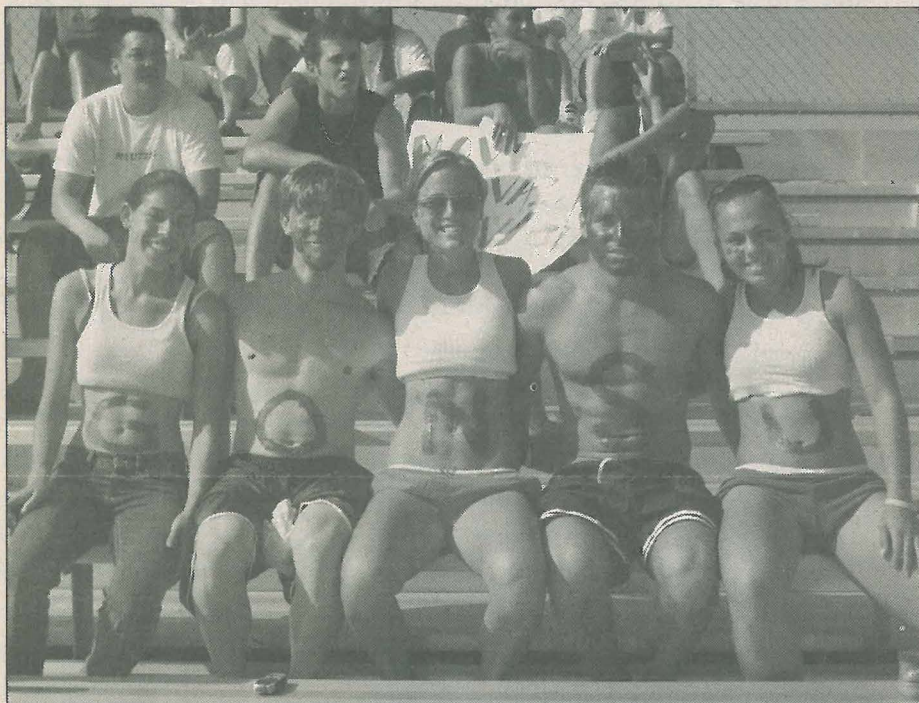
September 6 held importance to the women's soccer team as they hosted area rival Barry at seven. Nova's Lady Knights had hoped to hold Barry scoreless, but optimistic thoughts were quickly dampened in the first sixty seconds when Barry made the first goal.

Barry's offense was able to find the back of the net again

twenty eight minutes later, making it a two to nothing deficit. The ladies returned the favor in the thirty-third minute when Shurell Burton put NSU on the board. This marked Burton's sixth goal in three games, earning her NSU's player of the week. By the end of the half, NSU had attempted nine shots and two corner kicks, only one of which proved to be fruitful, while Nicole Paquette administered two saves and let

two slide by. Barry only shot the ball five times from the field and three from the corner, but managed to connect with the net twice.

Hoping the break would prove to be helpful, the Lady Knights headed into the second half looking to even up the score, but soon found themselves trailing by two instead of one. Barry's offense took full advantage of NSU's defense and scored their third goal within the first thirty-five seconds of the game. It wasn't until the seventh minute of the second half did NSU's offense step up and produce their second goal of the night. The Knight were able to maneuver the ball into position for Burton to get off her second goal of the night, marking her seventh score of the season. This was the last goal for NSU, as they ended the night with two, but not before Barry made the final score 4-2 with seven minutes remaining. NSU's Paquette saved six from scoring, but that and the Knights' offense wasn't a strong enough combination to pull off a win.



Megan Puente, Chad Turnipseed, Heather Sternau, Christian Toepfer, and Danielle Garcia from the cross country team support the women's soccer team at their game on Saturday in Melbourne, Fla. Photo provided by Alicia Winslett

Cross Country Dominates the Field at the Florida Tech Invitational

By Danielle Garcia
Knightwriter

Nova Southeastern University's men and women cross country runners competed in the 2005 Florida Tech Invitational at Wickham Park in Melbourne and walked away with two second place finishes. Both teams had remarkable races, considering that the entire course was flooded.

The men started off the meet at 8 AM with their 8k and had an amazing showing as two runners finished in the top ten. The Knights were led by freshman Eskender Abdalla with a time of 27:15.2 and followed by teammate Aaron Kolterjahn who finished just 13 seconds behind Abdalla. The two finished fifth

and sixth in a pack dominated by Embry-Riddle who was the only team to beat the Knights in the meet. The second place finish was the highest finished for the men ever and hopefully foreshadows what is to come from the Knights this season.

The women's 5k directly followed the men's 8k and was as intriguing as the first race. The women also posted a few in the top ten sealing them a second place finish as well. The Knight's finished second just behind the host team, Florida Institute of Technology, with the support of Bethany Brenkus, Heather Sternau, and Bridget Hayley. Bethany Brenkus finished first for the Knights with a fifth place finish in a time of 20:18.4. Then



Stefi Cevallos ahead of all her competitors. Photo by Larry Starr.

Heather Sternau and Bridget Hayley rounded out the top ten with Sternau finishing ninth with a time of 20:35.1 and Hayley tenth with a time of 20:43.

The teams really dug down

deep to show that all their practice paid off as they competed on a severely muddled course. The course, which was damaged last year by all the hurricanes, had a hand full of shin deep water.

Athletes Not Being Released To Play Their Sports

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

Student athletes at Nova Southeastern University seem to be having quite a few issues getting released by the medical department, which allows them to participate in collegiate sports. There has been a number of different view points as to why this has become such a problem for athlete's who were thought to be in top physical shape at the

time they were signed to NSU.

Freshman men's basketball player, Rhys Martin, has been at school for almost a month now, and has yet to be released because he is told he has a heart murmur. Martin, who came from Australia to play basketball at NSU, states that before his departure he underwent two physicals and was told that he didn't have any medical problems. Martin's standpoint on the entire situation is that the doctors are

scamming NSU students because not all of the athletes have someone such as their parents around to make sure the kids aren't getting taken advantage of.

"It's really upsetting because I'm missing out on a lot of training that I need as well as the bonding between the boys since all I do it sit on the side lines," states Martin.

Junior softball player, Callie Binkley, recently transferred from Golf Coast Community

College where she has never had any problems getting cleared for the spring season; however now she is being told that she has an abdominal bruit (abnormal blood flow from the abdomen to the heart due to shrunken blood vessels).

Binkley sai, "I don't think the medical students are qualified to be making such evaluations, and as a result they are misdiagnosing a lot of the athletes."

Sports Stats for the Week

Men's Soccer

On September 11, the men's soccer team (3-1) was defeated 1-0 by Lincoln Memorial University (5-0). They played on Sunday afternoon at Columbus State University in Columbus, GA, in a south region match.

Women's Soccer

On September 10 the NSU women's soccer team (2-2) defeated the Florida Tech Panthers (2-2) by a score of 5-3 in Melbourne, FL on Saturday afternoon. Freshman Shurell Burton notched her second hat trick of the season, and Lauren Hoffman added two goals and an assist.

Women's Volleyball

On September 10 the NSU volleyball team (2-5) was edged in five games by Christian Brothers (8-4) and defeated in three games by tournament hosts the University of Alabama-Huntsville (9-2) in the final day of action at the Holiday Inn Express Classic.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

The Nova Southeastern University men's and women's cross country teams both finished in second place in the Florida Tech Invitational on Saturday. The event, which featured a 5k women's meet and an 8k men's meet, was hosted by Florida Tech at Wickham Park in Melbourne, Fla.

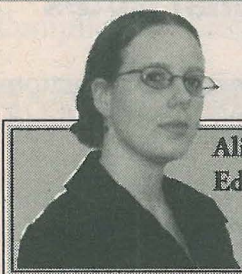
2005 Florida Tech Invitational Results

Men's 8K Team Standings

TEAM	POINTS
1. Embry-Riddle	39 pts
2. Nova Southeastern	65 pts
3. Florida Tech	75 pts
4. Palm Beach Atlantic	112 pts
5. Webber International	118 pts
6. Florida Gulf Coast	127 pts
7. Rollins College	191 pts

Women's 5K Team Standings

TEAM	POINTS
1. Florida Tech	31 pts
2. Nova Southeastern	52 pts
3. Embry-Riddle	95 pts
4. Florida Gulf Coast	97 pts
5. Palm Beach Atlantic	106 pts
6. Rollins	149 pts
7. Webber International	153 pts



Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Some students (the ones who have heard about it, anyway) are probably a bit upset about the mandate that music in front of the Parker building is to be limited to between noon and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, let alone the revision that takes Tuesday and Thursday away too.

Personally, I'm a bit relieved.

With a student body as diverse as the one at NSU, one would expect clubs, organizations and function coordinators to play a diverse cross section of music. Rock, hip-hop, maybe a little bit of country (there have to be some country fans on campus *somewhere*). However, somebody must have come to the strange conclusion that everyone on campus likes the exact same kind of music, and that music is: hip hop!

Now, I'm not entirely sure where this information came from, but if they went out and took a survey, they apparently missed the people I've been talking to lately, seeing as most of them can't stand the stuff. In fact, I think that it may be one of the reasons why it's so hard to get people to attend club events! Or anyway, the ones that aren't offering free food.

Please don't think I'm putting down people who do like hip-hop; I'm not. People just need to keep in mind that because we have so many different kinds of people on campus, that should be taken into account and a wider range of music should be played when they're allowed to. That way, if someone doesn't like a kind of music that's blasting, they're more likely to stick around at an event because they know they'll only have to sit through a song or two before it moves on to something else.

So if music in front of Parker is returned to us, I'm just asking that whoever has the remote to the boom box turn it to a different genre once in awhile. The non-hip-hop fans will thank you, and a few more people may not only show up, but stick around.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly on the Wall: Mandates are all the rage

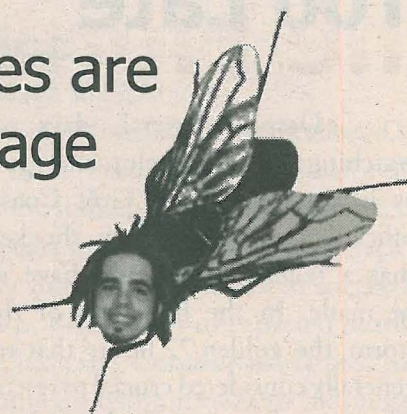
By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

I am back again, with news concerning the intricate workings of the SGA. Last week I concentrated on parking problems and the lack of communication between important groups around campus. This week, attention will be focused on several event updates, the student service fees and the addition of volunteer hours required from clubs and organizations.

However, I would like to begin with a couple of corrections from last week's installment of *A Fly on the Wall* before I jump headlong into this week's: Dr. Naomi D'Alessio was said to be the MST Director. She is actually the Associate Dean of Farquhar Arts and Science. Another correction, or rather an update, is that D'Alessio's mandate was changed. Previously, I reported that the mandate required music only be played outside of the Parker Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until 1 p.m.; however, no music whatsoever is allowed with

the new mandate. No one, nobody, and no organization is allowed to play music for events, or even hire Radio X to play music either out in front of Parker or anywhere in the vicinity of the all-too-familiar building. A large chunk of NSU's campus life is now effectively dead. People will be attracted in fewer numbers to events with no music. Of course, free food will always be attractive, but music is the hook that lures the crowds. Maybe I'm crazy, but this is a bit counterproductive to the quest of increasing school spirit and unity.

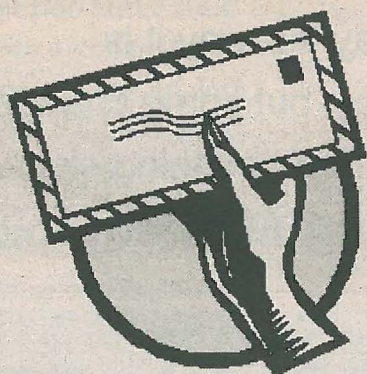
Last week I also mentioned that Dean Brad Williams would be attending the SGA meeting to discuss the student service fees, which he did. I was surprised that not one student came to hear what Dean Williams had to say, seeing how so many students are angered and confused about the fee. Anyhow, I will relay what Dean Williams said. The student service fee is going to pay for four main components of NSU: health,



safety, welfare, and technology. The fee actually covers student counseling as part of health and welfare. Now, most students will wonder why they have to pay for a service they don't use, but think of it this way: it is like state tax, it will benefit the community in some way eventually. Dean Williams also said that 69 cents of every dollar is going to pay for technology. In other words, it is going to partially pay for the new University Center. As for safety, which Dean Williams didn't exactly expound upon, I'm guessing the fee somehow supports Public Safety and NOVAAlert.

The administration has been researching the implementation of a student service fee for 5 years before it was actually put in place. Before, NSU

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events. In order to get students to come together, many organizations provide food and music at Parker. This strategy was used for a variety of events, including SGA elections, Greek Life recruitment and philanthropic events.

While the lines for cold pizza and cheap hamburgers grew, students had the opportunity to socialize.

After reading the article, I was surprised to learn that faculty members were pushing to enact rules that go contrary to the creation of a vibrant campus life. To limit when music can be played would remove any ounce of spirit that students exhibit.

In reading this I asked myself several questions: Who does it harm to play music? Can you hear music when you're inside the building sitting in a classroom? If students can play music outside of Parker, the main undergraduate classroom building (and therefore the most logical place to put events for undergraduate students) will faculty members somehow accommodate students by providing them an equally vibrant location?

Members of student organizations should be outraged, and should ban together and do something about this. Faculty members should not be able to dictate what student organizations do on campus-especially those events that are

designed to create a vibrant culture at NSU.

Students and faculty and staff members should come together on the issue of student life because students are the livelihood of this university.

Allowing for a vibrant, unfettered campus life will open up students to NSU and all it has to offer. Students will stay on campus more and utilize the resources available to them.

When students feel pride in their university, they attend athletic games, wear school colors and cheer on the home team.

Most importantly, students leave the university with a sense of commitment that extends beyond placing a degree on the wall. They remain committed alumni, willing to donate their time and money.

I look forward to reading future issues of *The Knight* as this story develops further. This is an issue at students should care about, especially those with a vested interest in social programming.

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Too Little, Too Late

Despite several days of watching Katrina develop and grow as it approached the Gulf Coast, officials seemed relatively shocked that a relief effort would have to be made. In the first days of the storm, the 'golden 72 hours' that are generally considered crucial to rescue efforts, confusion and red tape kept much needed aid from those who needed it, possibly raising the death toll exponentially.

Considering the fact that Katrina's landfall and strength were in no way a surprise, the fact that the storm was capable of the devastation it caused should not have been either. Rescue teams, physicians, and other groups that make up a relief effort should have been poised just outside of the area expected to be affected and deployed immediately when it was safe to do so. However, as has been said many times before, such a thing did not happen.

Relief was turned away. Doctors sat idle in nearby cities because of red tape. Thousands of victims went unnoticed by rescue crew until days after the disaster struck. Smaller cities were being overlooked for well over a week because of pre-occupation with New Orleans.

The first batch of public finger-pointing was initiated by New Orleans mayor Ray Nagin as he put out a media SOS. CNN reported Mississippi Representative Bennie Thompson as saying "It was too little, too late," a cry that was taken up nationwide.

These initial statements got results, and efforts were stepped up a bit. President Bush, in a rare act of admission of error, agreed that the effort was not enough. FEMA Director Michael Brown was removed from his position heading the Katrina relief effort, and a bold new plan for reconstruction was recently put forth by President Bush.

All of this is well and good now, but things never should have gone this far. The levee that broke and caused the flooding could have been better maintained; the government has cut funding for its upkeep several years in a row now. The National Guard, who should have been on the home front doing what they signed up to do, was nowhere to be seen at first. Where did all that money and all those troops go? Iraq?

The government needs to work defensively, not reflexively, and sometimes, that means not sticking our fingers where it doesn't belong worldwide, and taking care of things at home.

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was run solely on tuition alone, which was not enough. So other universities, such as UM, Duke, Saracuse, Wake Forest, Bailer were researched in order to come up with the sum of \$275 in fees. Trust me, we are lucky to have a fee of only \$275; Dean Williams said some fees ran as high as \$613. NSU is simply too large to run solely on tuition, and so students from all the campuses, even overseas, pay the student service fee. Although they will not be using the University Center, they do use the online library resources, which is part of technology.

The last topic discussed at the meeting was the mandatory volunteer hours that clubs and organizations must complete. Yes, I said mandatory volunteer hours. It is an oxymoron, like jumbo shrimp. I think the correct term is community service. Volunteering is supposed to be voluntary. Anyway, organizations that are part of the IOC must complete 20 hours in two semesters or funds will be frozen for 30 days. Club members and leaders may not agree with this

mandate, but as Vice President of Legislative Affairs Liz Harbaugh said, organization leaders voted on the subject last year and three-fourths agreed with the mandate. Dr. Gary Gershman further supported the idea when he said that there has to be some rollover from year to year: new clubs and preexisting clubs cannot expect to ignore the events of the previous year. In other words, last year was a warning of the volunteer hours to come, so the topic should not be a shock.

IOC senator Jessica Boyd relayed the concern that the mandate was brought into action without feedback from the clubs. So a resolution is to be written in order to allow voting by clubs to change some parts of the mandate.

Dean Brad Williams also said that the volunteer mandate gives organizations "core values" that justify their use of SGA funding. Clubs that focus on campus events can now volunteer and gain experience with service around the community.

Additional Notes

The next Student Action Committee Days are scheduled for October 6, November 10, and December 8: the theme the next SAC Day is "Help us Improve."

A new website for SAC is being created to post upcoming events.

October 3 marks when students can buy Homecoming tickets, and voting for the Court will occur until October 20.

A meeting for the Campus Entertainment Committee will be Tuesday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Rosenthal Building.

A resolution was passed that states that no standing committee, such as the Finance Committee, can change its bylaws without first appealing to the SGA Senate for approval.

What do you think about the mascot choices?

- ☐ I like the Shark the way it is
- ☐ I like the Sharks, but some changes should be made
- ☐ I like the Stingray the way it is
- ☐ I like the Stingray, but some changes should be made
- ☐ I think it should be something else

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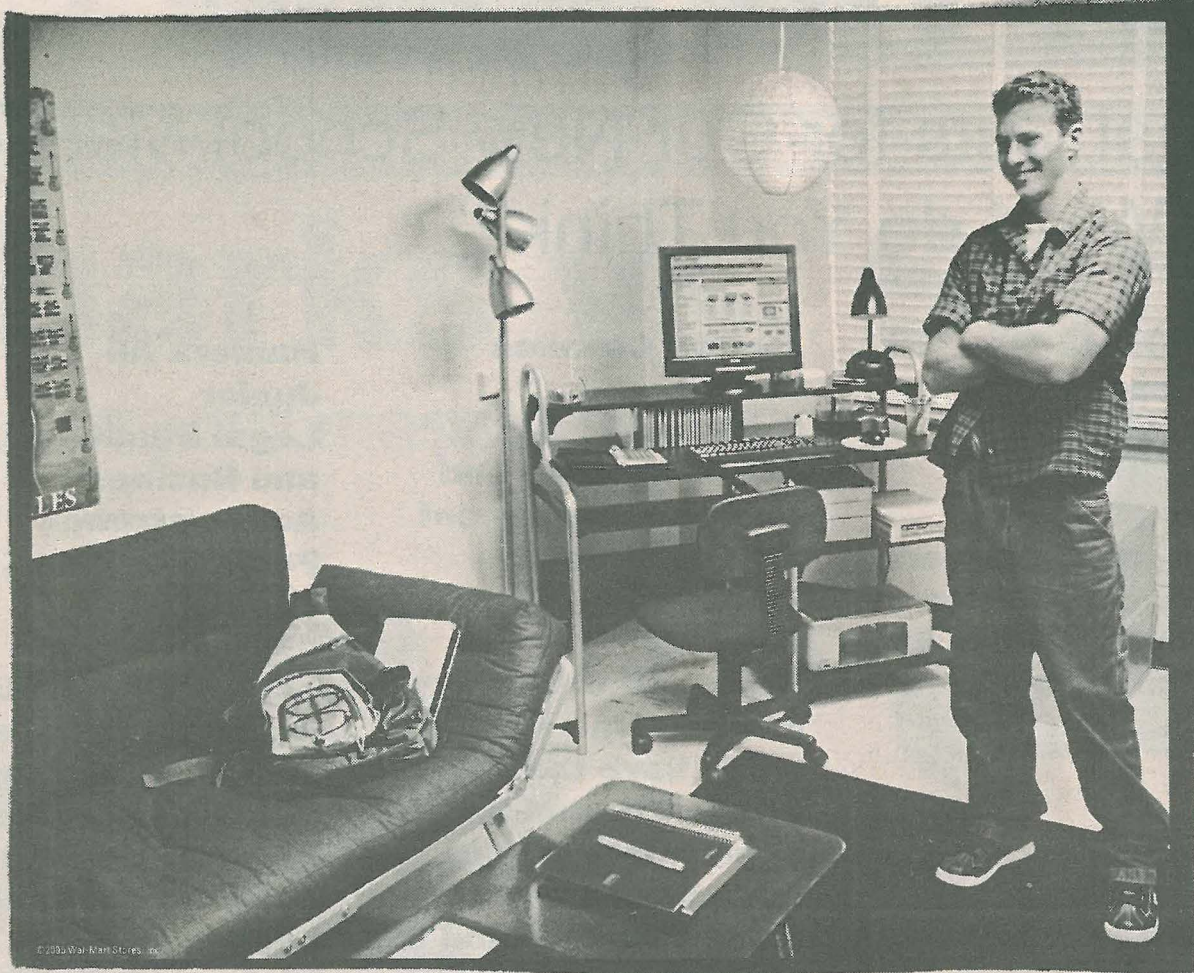
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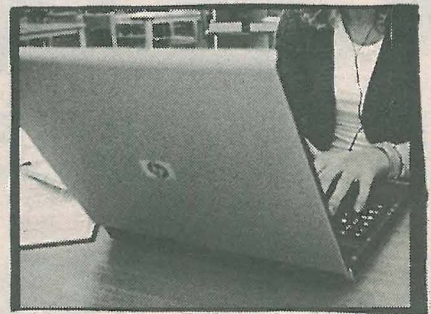
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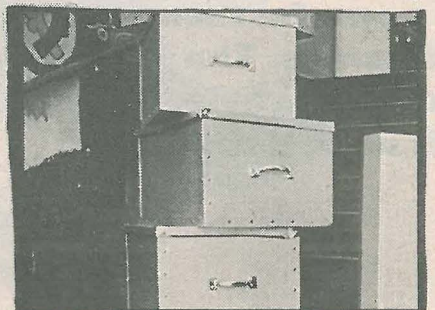
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Here are the Final Cuts for Our New School Mascot:
"What do You Think?"

Lauren McElhenny
Freshmen
Education
Egg Harbor Township,
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"I like the sharks because it seems more powerful than the stingrays. The sharks as a whole, I fell, fit us better."

Ruchi Gupta
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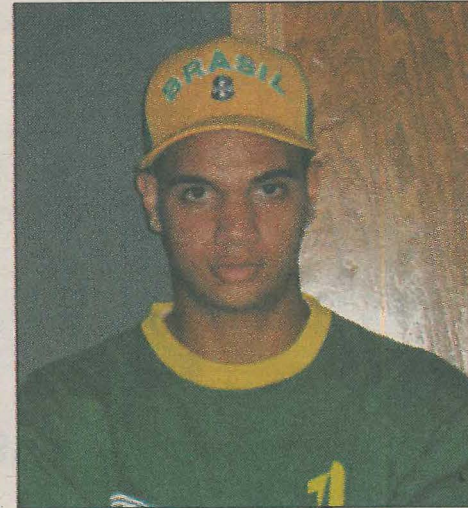
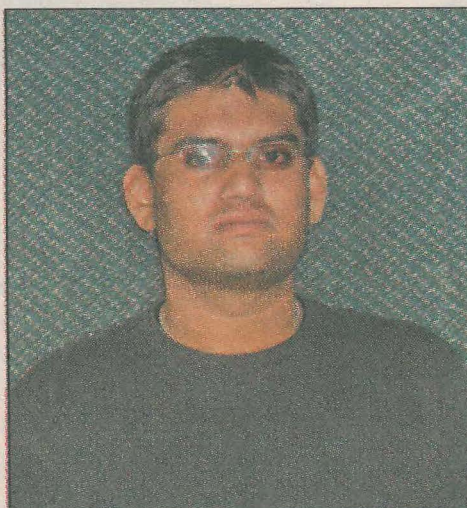
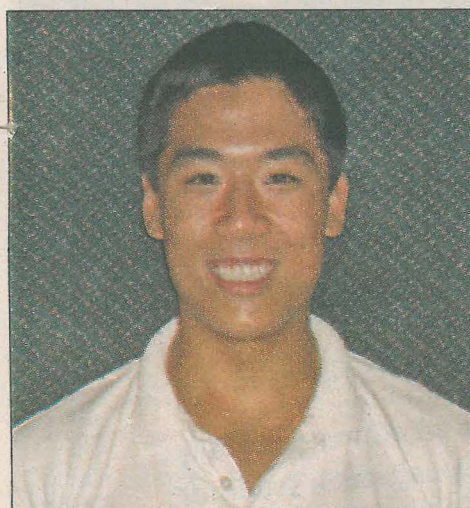
"I think the sharks are good because there have been quite a few shark attacks in Florida."

Andrea Cevallos
Junior
Business
Administration and
Sports Management
Ft. Lauderdale,
Florida

"On behalf of the Student Union staff, we believe the sharks are fiercer and more appropriate for our mascot. It's a strong representation and directly relates to our geographic demography."

Humera Ali
Junior
Legal Studies
and Business
Administration
Pembroke Pines,
Florida

"I believe the NSU logo with the shark swimming through it is the nicest one; however, the letters could be rearranged because it looks like NUS, not NSU."



Derek Sham
Sophomore
Biology/Pre-Med
Ottawa, Canada

"I believe that the stingrays look too sad and the shark looks too happy in these pictures. What happened to the Humpback Whales?"

Tanzim Ahmed
Freshman
Legal Studies/
Business
Phaka, Bangladesh

"I feel the shark logo look so attractive and it's a catchy and a powerful logo for NSU."

Joel Sanderson
Grad Student
Sports Management
Byron, Minnesota

"I was happy with the Knights; 'Nova Knights' just worked so well. I am pleasantly surprised with the stingray's logo though. 'Go Stingrays,' that could work."

Paulo Ribeira
Sophomore
Business
Administration
Soccer Team
Miami, Florida

"The Shark logo fits the South Florida, tropical image. Done deal!"